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1. AS INDICATED IN EARLIER GUIDANCE (PARAGRAPH 3 (B) OF REFTEL B AND PARAGRAPH 4(I) OF REFTEL C). WE BELIEVE ALLIES WOULD BE ON FIRMEST AND LEAST CONTROVERSIAL GROUND IN SEEKING NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS INVOLVING 10,000-25,000 TROOPS, IF THEY PRESENTED THEIR INITIATIVE AS DEFINING THE PARAMETERS OF THE EXISTING MEASURE FOR NOTIFICATION OF SMALLER-SCALE MANEUVERS, RATHER THAN AS AN AMENDMENT OF THE FINAL ACT LANGUAGE ON NOTIFICATION

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OF MAJOR MANEUVERS. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE SEE RETENTION OF THE PHRASE "SMALLER-SCALE" AS IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISHING PROPOSAL'S IDENTITY. WE COULD ACCEPT "THOSE", HOWEVER, PRECEDING "SMALLER-SCALE" AND, IF NECESSARY, THE PHRASE "IN THE FIRST INSTANCE" ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY THE DUTCH (ALSO PARAGRAPH 3 (B) OF REFTEL B). EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE EXPRESSIONS WOULD MAKE CLEAR

THAT THE COMMITMENT WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF NOTIFYING MANEUVERS OF A SMALLER SCALE. ALSO, SINCE PARAGRAPH OF FINAL ACT WHICH TREATS

"SMALLER-SCALE MILITARY MANEUVERS" COMES UNDER HEADING "PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF OTHER MILITARY MANEUVERS", "OTHER" COULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "SMALLER-SCALE", IF REQUIRED, TO ESTABLISH THE DESIRED RELATIONSHIP.

2. CONCERNING THE SECOND TICK OF PARA FOUR OF REFTEL A, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING LINE OF ARGUMENT USED BY ALLIES WHO EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO SPECIFYING REGIMENTAL OR HIGHER AS THE LEVEL OF UNITS TO BE IDENTIFIED IN NOTIFICATIONS. FYI: MISSION NEED NOT PRESS TO RETAIN THE PHRASE CONCERNING MAJOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT, THE DETAILS OF WHICH WE RECOGNIZE AS DIFFICULT TO DEFINE. END FYI.

3. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED REFTEL D. MISSION NEED NOT SEEK FURTHER TO INCLUDE REQUESTED CHANGES DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH THREE. CONCERNING ISD/149 ANNEXES, HOWEVER, MISSION MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THE IS ADD TEXTS OF ALL CSCE CBMS NOTIFICATIONS. SUCH A DOCUMENT WOULD BE A VERY USEFUL REFERENCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW AT BELGRADE, WHEN DISCUSSION ENSUES WHETHER THE INFORMATION PROVIDED CONCERNING MANEUVERS HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT.

4. HE REGRET THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO FORWARD A PAPER ON POSSIBLE SWEDISH AND ROMANIAN MILITARY BUDGET PROPOSALS IN TIME FOR AUGUST 9 POLADS MEETING, BUT WILL DO SO BY COB AUGUST 9 WASHINGTON TIME.

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